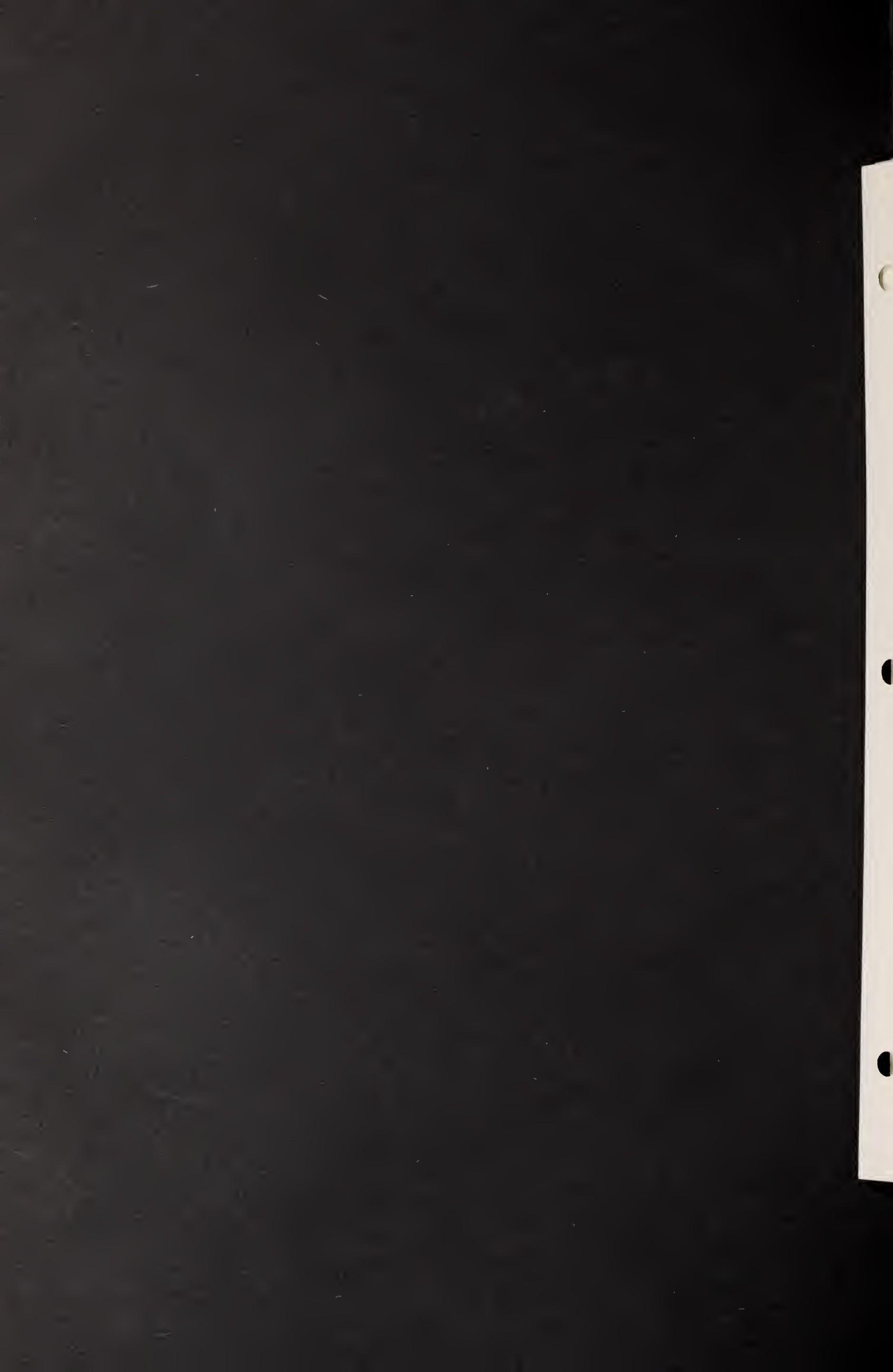


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Back in 1923 I became interested in my ancestry. Shortly afterward I learned that my great grandfather, Michael Ryan Percy, had married Susannah, or Annie, daughter of Amos Martin and his wife Susannah Ball.

In the course of questioning older members of the Martin family, I was told that Amos Martin was formerly named Tanner. Several years later, while visiting the New York State Library in Albany, New York, I found a geneology of the Tanner Family, and sure enough there was an Amos Tanner of whom there was no further record.

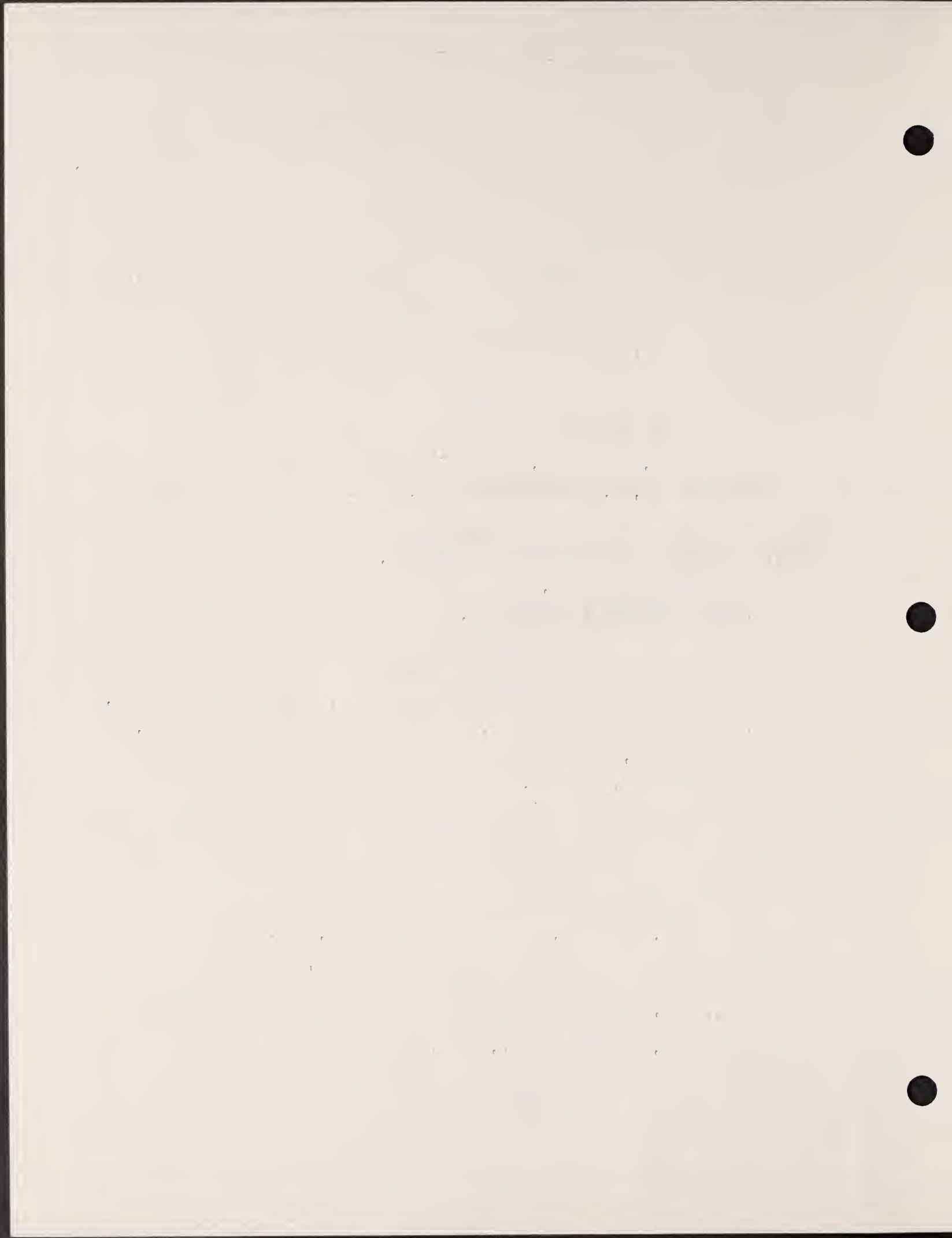
The item in question was as follows:

"Amos⁴ (James³, Benjamin², William¹)son of James (17) and Mary (Wilcox) Tanner, b. in West Greenwich, R.I., married Mary ----- and fathered two children, names not given."

"It appears from Town Records of June 29, 1782, referring to the late wife of Amos Tanner, that Mary died in the first half of this year. No further record appears, and the writer is unable to trace any descendants to Amos Tanner, or to say whether his line is extinct. His name appears among the recruits enlisted in Windham County, Conn., for a regiment for Bunker Hill, from May 3 to Dec. 16, 1775. In the pay roll of 1776, due Amos Tanner, Second Corporal, Jan. 26 to Sept., £1 3s 5½d. He appears to have enlisted in his own state in 1776, Jan. 26."

As there are no further records of Amos Tanner, we now turn to the story of Amos Martin of the State of Vermont. Investigation brought to light these several periods of service:

1. Amos Martin, 6 months, in 1781 in Derryfield, N.H.
2. Sergt. Amos Martin, of Capt. Ebenezer Merrick's Company, 2 days in Sept., 1782, assisting the Sheriff in Brattlebow County, Vt.
3. Amos Martin, 2 days in Dec., 1782, assisting in suppressing insurrections and disturbances in Brattleboro, Vt.



The first record of Amos Martin in Canada is an application by him at St. Johns, Que., the 20th January 1784, for a grant of land in Quebec.

His name also appears in a list of Unincorporated Loyalists in St. John Que., on May 25, 1784, at which time he had a wife and two children. It is known that his wife was Susannah Ball, the sister of three Tory (Loyalist) soldiers, named Shadrach, Solomon and Jacob Ball, all residents of Newfane, Vt. All three brothers were soldiers in Jessup's Loyal Rangers.

Although there is no proof that Amos Martin was a loyalist by sentiment, it is very evident that his wife was. And it was through her influence and desire that Martin with his family are recorded in St. John as an Unincorporated Loyalist in 1784. In the same year he and family were recorded in the Prescott area, and later still in the Bay of Quinte region. There is no reference to his having drawn land in our area. The first real mention of him was his appointment as Constable on Amherst Island in 1794.

Langhorn's Parish Register of St. John's Church, Bath, has several entries regarding the family:

1793, Sept. 15th

Deborah Ball, of Amherst Island, interred.

1794, Sept. 15th

Baptism of children of Amos and Susannah Martin of Amherst Island:

James

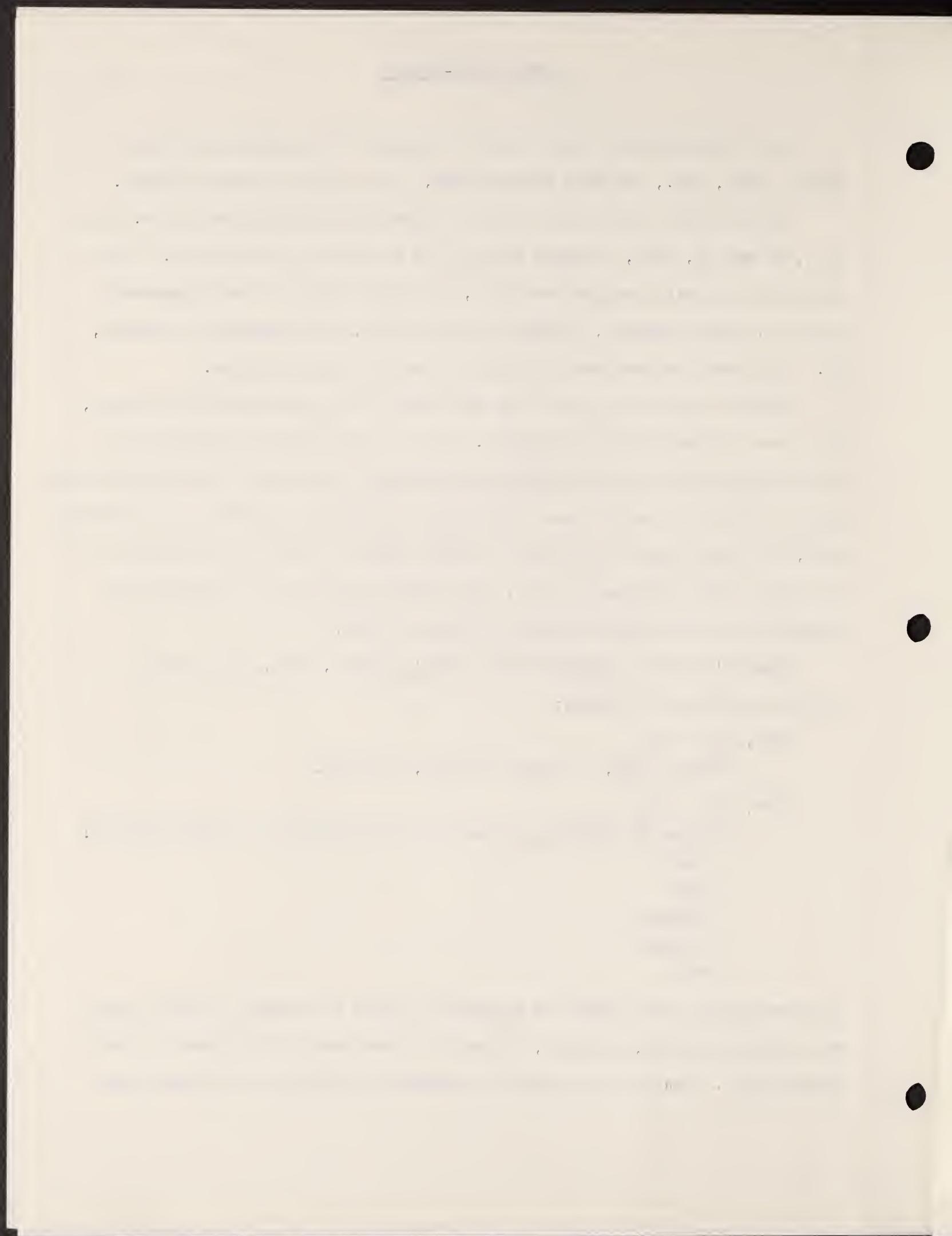
Amos

Susannah

William

Mary

It seems strange that these two ceremonies should be exactly one year apart. Mrs. Susannah Martin, nee Ball, is known to have been the daughter of a Mrs. Deborah Ball. Thus it is logical to consider this lady as the grandmother



) of the five named children. And as both parties were resident on Isle
Tanti, it is possible that these two ceremonies were performed on the same
day in the same year.

Next, on Sept. 14, 1802, Amos Martin and his brother-in-law, Solomon Ball, signed a petition to form a Masonic Lodge in Bath. Amos Martin was evidently already a member of the Order, as in 1797 he was recorded as a visitor at No. 6, St. John's Lodge, Kingston. Martin became Senior Warden when the Lodge of Bath was instituted on 14th March, 1803, and continued as an officer of the Lodge until 1807.

In the year 1807, Amos Martin left his home and family in Ernesttown and returned to his former home in Rhode Island, evidently to visit his relatives. In doing so, he abandoned his wife, Susannah Ball and a family of seven children, five of whom had been baptized in 1794. The children at that time ranged in age from Amos, born in 1782, to Elisha, born in 1799.

Little is known of the situation at that time but an item in the Vestry Book of St. John's Church, Bath, Ernesttown, Sept. 25, 1808, reveals:

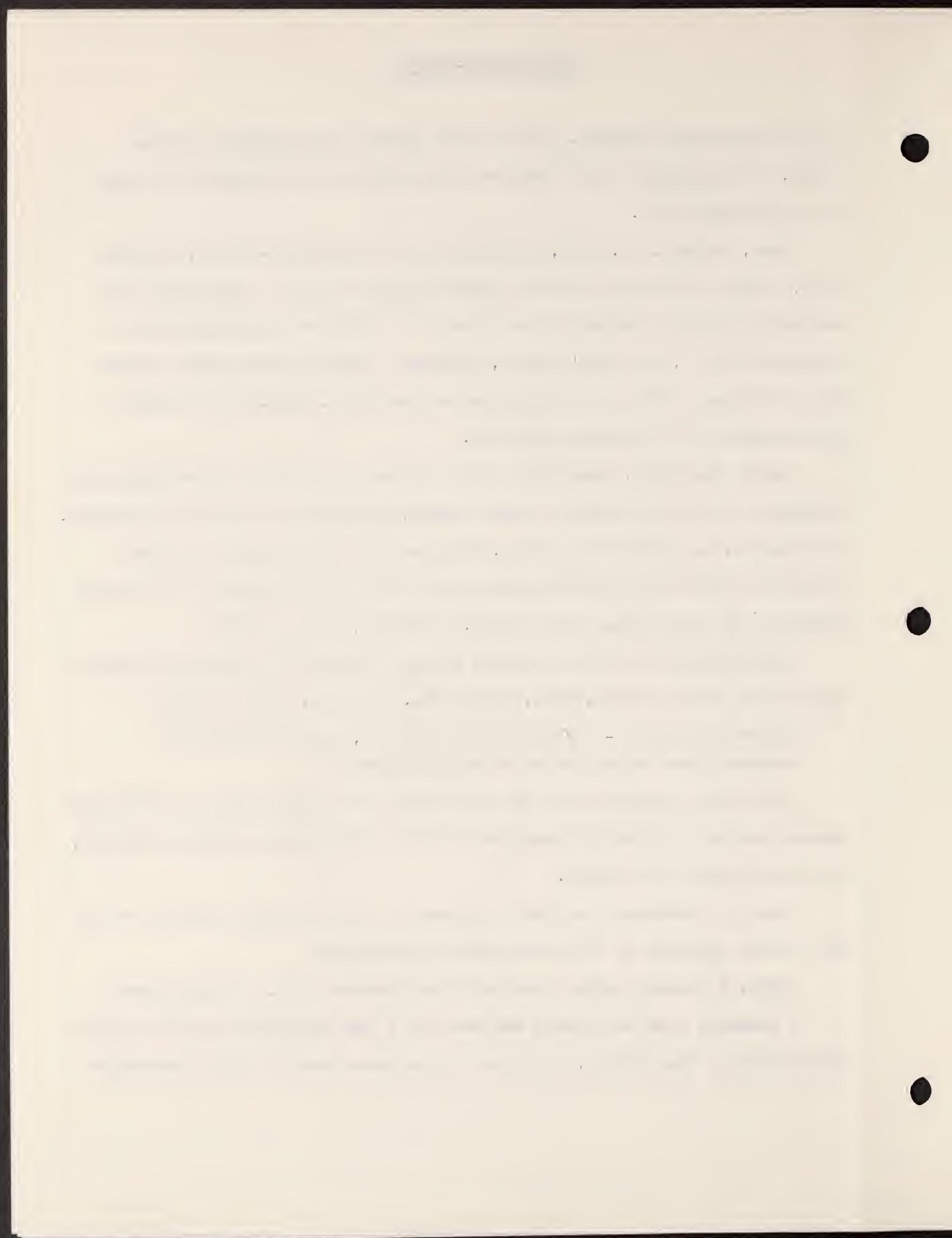
"Offertory Mone(?) - 14/9(fourteen shillings, nine pence) was by consent given to the relief of William Martin."

To me this indicates that the widow Martin and family were in need after having been left by their husband and father. The family evidently survived, as later entries will attest.

Later, I discovered the following entry in the Marriage Register of the Rev. Robert McDowall of the Presbyterian congregation:

"1809, 1 January: Peter Asselstine and Sussannah Ball, of Ernesttown."

I wondered just who this bride was, and I was satisfied that she was the brass widow of Amos Martin, using her own surname, when I found a gravestone



in the Wilton Cemetery in northern Ernesttown. I was satisfied as to her identity because of this:

Susannah Asselstine, d. Feb. 20, 1844, aged 82 yrs.

Erected by her son, William Martin.

The battle's fought
The Victory's won
She's left the field
Her work is done
She's numbered with the blest.

This proves the tale that two years after her husband abandoned her, she married Peter Asselstine, as noted above.

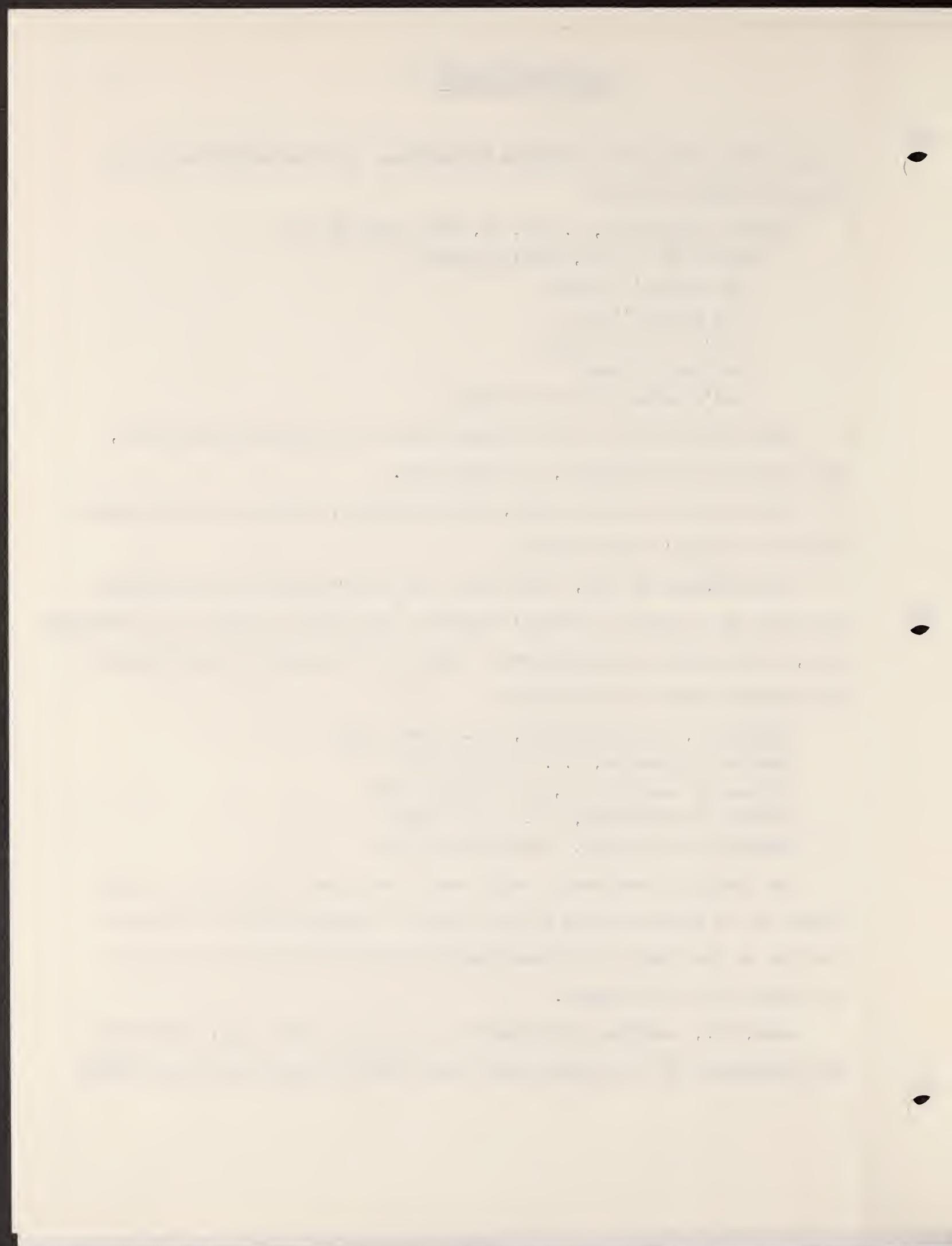
The brothers of Susanah Ball, namely Shadrach, Solomon and Jacob, were members in Jessup's Loyal Rangers.

Shadrach, born in 1753, joined Col. John Peter's Queen's Loyal Rangers and later was a member of Jessup's Rangers. He settled in 1784 in the Prescott area, later removing to Ernesttown. Little more is known of his activities and children except the following:

Timothy T., of Loughborough, O.C. 4 Sept. 1834
Angel of Pittsburgh, O.C. 4 Sept. 1834
Cyrenus of Loughborough, O.C. 4 Sept. 1834
Sanford of Pittsburgh, O.C. 4 Sept. 1834
Belknap of Pittsburgh, O.C. 29 Sept. 1834

The family of Amos Martin might never have known of the fate of their father if his elder son Amos had not wished to obtain right to a 200 acre farm lot in the middle of Richmond Township which the father had bought in the early days of settlement.

Amos, Jr., desiring a clear title to the lot as oldest son, discovered the whereabouts of his father eleven years after his departure from his home



in Ernesttown. He directed a letter requesting his father for authority to claim the lot. As a result the following statement was completed by Amos Sr. for his son:

"Know all men whom these presents may concern that I, Amos Martin of Broom, in the county of Bedford in the District of Montreal, in the Province of Lower Canada, yeoman, have appointed Amos Martin, Junior, of Ernesttown in the vicinity of Kingston in Upper Canada, yeoman, as my lawful attorney to act and transact business for me . . . take possession of Lot 25 in the 5th Concession of Richmond . . . he is hereby impowered as my lawful attorney as far as it can respect said lot of land. Signed by Amos Martin, with Jacob Ball, his brother-in-law as a Witness."

"Before me personally came Amos Martin . . . and acknowledged the instrument (above) to be his proper act and deed.

Subscribed at St. Armand, County of Bedford, July 20, 1818.

Signed Leon Lalanne, Notary Public."

The identity of Amos Martin, Sr., was attested by this document:

"We the subscribers certify that we have been personally acquainted with Amos Martin for many years preceding one thousand eight hundred and seven, that we have no reason to believe he was disaffected or that he left the place on that account. We also believe Amos Martin, Junior, the bearer hereof to be his eldest son and lawful heir.

June 25, 1819

Signed Matthew Clark, J.P.

John C. Clarke

James Parrott, Lt. C.M.

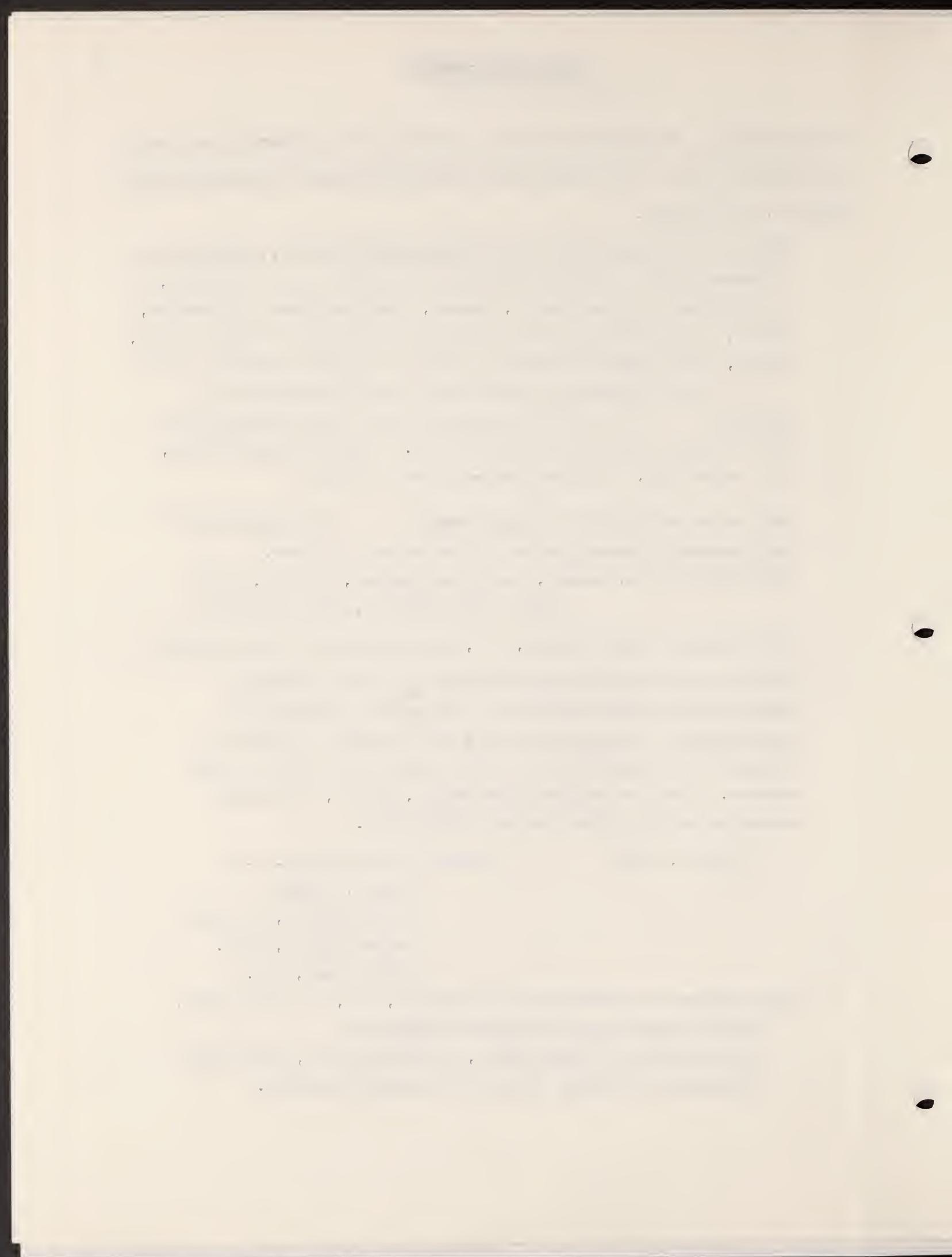
Daniel Fraser, Capt.

Samuel Clark, Ens.

Then follows the Petition of Amos Martin, Sr., in these words:

"To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland

The Petition of Amos Martin, of Lower Canada, now at the Township of Earnest Town in the Midland District.



Humbly sheweth that your Petitioner came to this pr~vince and settled in the year 1784. That in the year 1792, he purchased Lot number 25 . . . in the township of Richmond of William Walker, a U.E. Loyalist, who had drawn it as Lord Dorchester's Bounty . . . Your petitioner . . . can only refer to the oath of Mary Huntley (who was then his wife) a certificate of which is hereby annexed. Your Petitioner therefore prays that your Excellency will be pleased to grant him the aforesaid Lot and permit Amos Martin, Junior, to take out the Deed when completed.

Completed Feb. 18, 1819 Signed Amos Martin

Affidavit

Amos Martin of the Township of Earnest Town, Senior, maketh oath and sayeth that he is the person he describes himself to be in the foregoing Petition, and that the statements therein made are true.

Feb. 29, 1819

Isaac Fraser, J.P.

Amos Martin

Affidavit

I certify that Amos Martin, Senior, of the township of Ernest Town resided many years in that township and made large improvements on two lots in the same, and that he was resident in that place on the first instant.

June 28, 1819

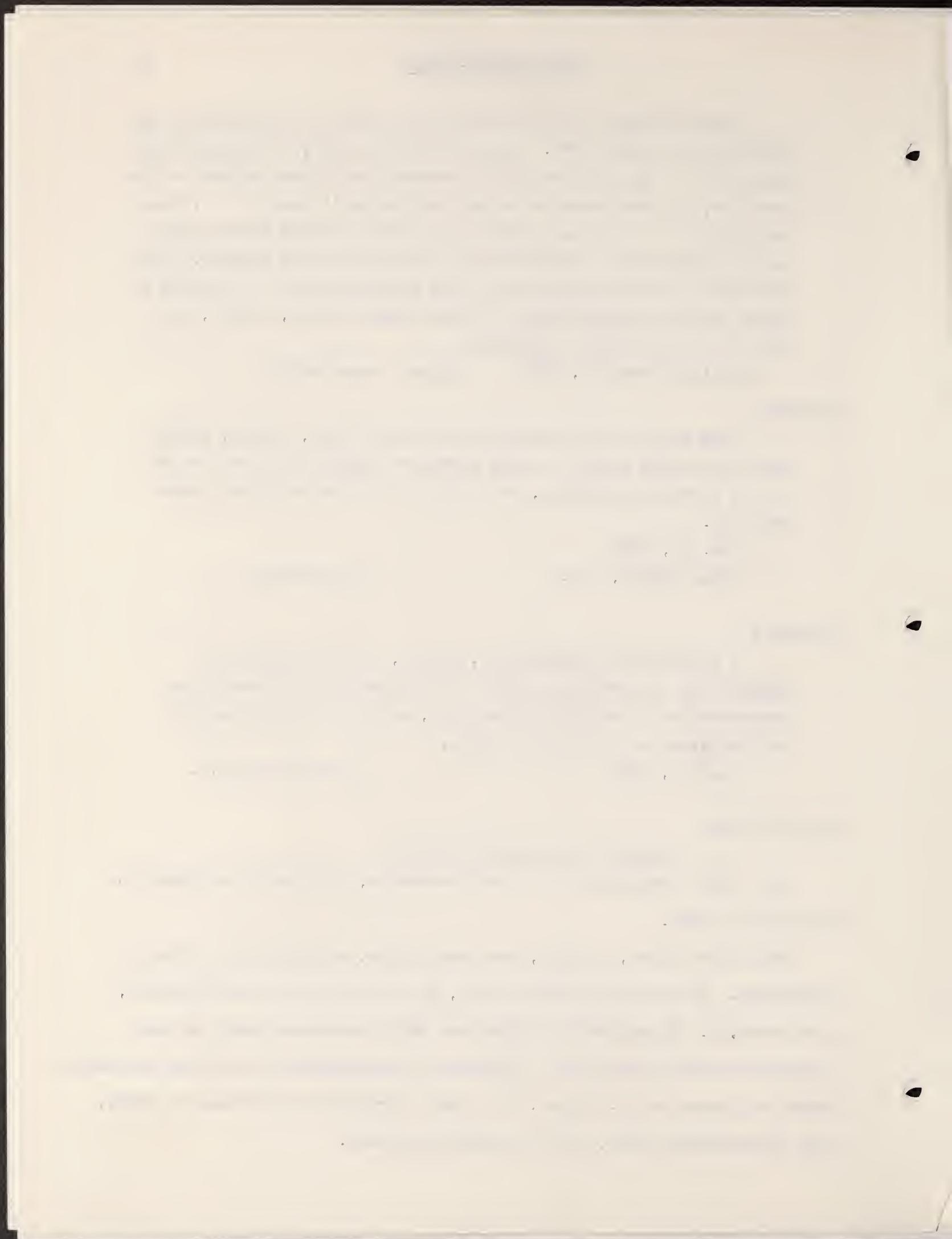
Isaac Fraser, J.P.

July 19, 1819

Warrant issued (for afm land)

← After completion of the afm documents, Amos Martin returned to his home in Brome.

Many years later, in 1837, Amos Martin, Sr., visited his children in Ernesttown. He brought with him a son, by his third wife, named Simeon, aged about 15. He stayed the winter and when he returned home, he was accompanied by his son, Amos. The latter was surprised to hear the neighbours greet his father as Mr. Tanner. Not long thereafter this return to Brome, Amos Tanner-Martin died, and lies buried in Brome.



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